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SUBJECT: Mitrione Murder - Message of Condolence from President Somoza

1. Please deliver following message to President Somoza in response to telegram to President Nixon dated August 12:

QUOTE Your expression of deep sorrow over the tragic murder of Mr. Dan A. Mitrione is much appreciated. Let us trust that his sacrifice in the cause of peaceful progress in an orderly world will be long remembered by free men everywhere. Sincerely, Richard Nixon UNQUOTE

2. FYI is text of President Somoza's telegram:

QUOTE In the name of the people of Nicaragua and in my name, I ask you to accept this expression of our deep sorrow over the indescribable act committed against Mitrione. Sincerely, A. Somoza, President of Nicaragua

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3. White House does not plan release messages but has no objection should GON wish to do so.

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